18 years. The matured amount of Rs. 25,000|- will be given to the girl child after attaining the age of 18 years. The State Government has provided a budget of Rs. 725.00 lakhs to cover 24166 mothers and the same number of girls during the year 1994-95. Upto January, 1995, 13073 women have been provided assistance for nutrition @ Rs. 500|- each and investment in Indira Vikas Patras for 2542 girls have been made.

News-itme of Priceless Paintings

2907. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Priceless Paintings face uncertain future" published in the 'Times of India' dated 19th February, 1995; and

(b) if so, what is being done to preserve this treasure?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION DEPTT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The preservation, conservation and restoration of the artefacts are taken care of by the Memorial's Restoration, Conservations Units and the Eastern Regional Centre for Restoration of Art Objects of Non-Indian Origin. The restoration of art objects is a continuous labour-intensive and time consuming process. In colloboration with the Calcutta Tercentenary Trust, a large number of oil paintings and other paper works have been restored. Regarding the building conservation, a scientific study of the structure was made by the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute and a satisfactory report was submitted by them. The work of repairing the structure was entrusted to the Archaeological Surey of India under the Deposit Scheme. Most of the roof repair work has been successfully completed.

Before the roof-repair was undertaken, the exhibits housed in the Hastings Room, the National Lealers Gallery and the Calcutta Room were removed for safe-keeping to the Durbar Hall and other stores. The memorial's structural work does not suffer for want of funds.

Modernisation of Madras Education

2908. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total allocation of funds for modernisation of Madarsa Education during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) how many Madarsa's have been assisted under this programme State-wise and amount allocated to each State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Details of total allocation of funds for Modernisation of Madarsa Education during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95, the number of Madarsas assisted under this programme State-wise and amount allocated to each state are given in the Statement annexed.